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Before joining the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., in 1959, Sneed was employed by the Dupont Company's Textile Division and the Combustion Engineering Company in Chattanooga. He transferred to the Marshall Center in 1963.

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The Marshall Center has a leading role in the space program. During the sixties and early seventies, the Center was best known for development of Saturn launch vehicles and Lunar Roving Vehicles for the Apollo program, and for Skylab, the first U.S. space station. The Center has also developed satellite scientific experiments which have returned a wealth of data in astronomy, astrophysics, and other disciplines.

Currently, the Marshall Center is carrying out a large variety of projects ranging from development and production of the propulsion elements of the Space Shuttle, the first reusable space ship, to management of Spacelab Earth-orbital missions, development of the Space Telescope, and other payloads for the Space Shuttle. Also, the Marshall Center is playing a significant role in the Space Station Project with the assignment to define and design pressurized common modules for use as laboratories, living areas, and logistic transport; to design environmental control systems; to design systems for equipping the laboratory and logistics modules; and to design accommodations for orbital maneuvering and orbital transfer vehicles which would operate from the Space Station. The Center also conducts basic research in many areas such as space and environmental sciences, chemical propulsion, structures, materials, and electronics.

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